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1. WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO TRACE SOURCE OF OCTOBER 15 MONITOR STORY ENTITLED "NEPAL MAY GO COMMUNIST." MONITOR HAS NO STRINGER IN NEPAL AND LANGUAGE USED (NOT TO MENTION SUBSTANCE) INDICATES AUTHOR HAD LITTLE KNOWLEDGE OF POLITICAL SCENE IN KATHMANDU. WE SUSPECT THAT MONITOR PICKED UP STORY FROM FREE LANCER WHO MAY HAVE VISITED NEPAL AS TOURIST.

2. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE FROM OUR REPORTING WE HAVE NO INFORMATION TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGES THAT "COMMUNISTS HAVE BEEN MAKING POLITICAL GAINS." AUTHOR HAS MANAGED TO PICK UP RUMORS (MANY OF THEM OLD) AND ADDED UNUSUAL AND PERSONAL INTERPRETATION WHICH IS COMPLETELY AT VARIANCE WITH VETERAN OBSERVERS WHO HAVE NOTED PALACE MOVES IN RECENT MONTHS TO DIMINISH IMPORTANCE OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM COMMISSION AND ASSURE CONTINUED CONPCOL OVER DOMESTIC POLITICAL ORGANS, INCLUDING BACK TO THE VILLAGE CAMPAIGN. CARGO

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